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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Active duty service members (ADSM) are susceptible to disturbed sleep and sleep disorders. While there are many studies characterizing sleep disorders in this population, these studies have a large male predominance in their cohorts. Gender differences in sleep in the general population are well established, but there is a paucity of data on female ADSM. The purpose of this study is to compare sleep disorders between genders in the active duty population.

Methods: We conducted a restrospective review of 209 ADSM who underwent a sleep medicine evaluation and an in-lab attended polysomnogram (PSG). Initial sleep questionnaires, demographics, PSG variables, and comorbid psychiatric conditions were reviewed and compared for each gender.

Results: Our cohort consisted of 209 ADSM with 51.7% males. The average age was 34.3+/-8.51, and BMI was 28.4+/-3.97 kg/m². The average Epworth sleepiness scale (ESS) was 12.8+/-4.88, and the average Insomnia severity index (ISI) score was 16.9+/5.33. In our cohort, 64.6% of the patients had excessive daytime sleepiness (ESS >10) and 67.9% had and ISI of >15. Male patients were more likely to have deployed than females and had higher BMIs. Females had a higher prevalence of insomnia and males had a higher prevalence of OSA. Females had an average of 1.76+/-1.36 comorbid conditions compared to 1.08+/-1.19 in males. Females had longer sleep onset latency (SOL), less N1 sleep and increased REM sleep compared to males.

Conclusions: The active duty population demonstrates differences in sleep disorders related to gender. Female ADSM had higher prevalence of insomnia while males had higher OSA. Females had more comorbid conditions, with anxiety and depression being highest. This study highlights not only well known differences of sleep disorders in regards to gender, but also a variance in comorbid psychiatric disorders. More research will need to be done to further quantify these differences in both the civilian and active duty population.

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